Backrooms movie explained: Chiwetel Ejiofor liminal space horror opens to $85M+

Backrooms, the psychological horror film from **YouTuber-turned-director Kane Parsons**, opened to a record-breaking **$85M-$89M** at the domestic box office this weekend, shattering **A24's all-time opening weekend record**. The film, which premiered May 29, 2026, represents a historic moment for the indie studio—made on just a **$10 million budget**, the movie earned back its entire production cost in Thursday previews alone, signaling exceptional audience appetite for liminal space horror.

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